



Cotherstone Primary School Friday 28th April 2023

A Message from Durham County Council

“Last year the Growing Healthy Team visited primary schools to measure the Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. In addition to the National Child Measurement Programme, County Durham are currently part of the MapMe research project run by Newcastle University. We will be carrying out the follow up measurements on children in year 1 and 7 where consent has not been previously withdrawn.

If you now do not want your child’s height and weight to be checked please let us know, asap, by emailing cdda-tr.childhealthinformation@nhs.net with your child’s details.”

Coronation Event

On Friday 5th May we will be hosting a celebration afternoon ahead of King Charles III's coronation weekend.

The children will enjoy a street party themed picnic lunch with music and are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue. We would then like to invite parents/carers to an afternoon of street party games and celebrations from 1:30pm onwards. Our Year 6 children will be running a variety of many royal-themed events like 'Pin the tail on the Corgi!' as well as traditional games like Hook-a-Duck and Whack-a-Rat for the children (and adults) to enjoy throughout the afternoon. We also have a special surprise for the children!

Friends of Cotherstone School (FOCS) will be serving some delicious refreshments to enjoy and will have a coronation-themed raffle, with money raised going into their funds. FOCS have such a huge impact on the experiences we offer the children and so the on-going support is hugely appreciated!

Class 3 Robinwood Trip

A gentle reminder that full payment of your child's place on our forthcoming trip is now due.

Class 2 news

Class 2 have got the term off to a busy start! They have already written their own poems based on The Black Hat in which they have used expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors - The children have shown that they are all amazing poets!

In maths, Year 3 have been learning about mass by weighing objects, comparing mass and adding and subtracting grams and kilograms while Year 4 have been learning about decimals by counting in tenths and hundredths and dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100.

In science we have been learning about electrical components and creating and testing circuits. In geography we have been learning about the human and physical features of the UK and the North East in particular. We will be comparing these to the Campania region in Italy to find similarities and differences.

In PE, the children have been practicing their fielding skills as part of their cricket lessons in preparation for a cricket tournament later in the term.

In computing we have been learning about animation and have created our own flipbooks and have started using an animation program called Pivot to create our own computer animations.

We have also had some visitors in school this week: Dare Master Danny Murphy and the Tees/Swale team from the AONB. We labelled the parts and functions of plants as well as playing some fun games based on what plants need to grow. We will be visiting Bowlees in June to visit the hay meadows.

All in all a busy and productive first 2 weeks back.

Well done Class 2!

Mr B 😊



















Visit for TV presenter; Danny Murphy

Wednesday was such an exciting day as we warmly welcomed Danny Murphy aka The Dare Master from CITV to our school! Danny visited our school for the day along with Christopher Luke (ITV series producer), Emily (BSL on-screen presenter who also translated into BSL The Kings Christmas Day message) and Emma (BSL interpreter). Danny started off with a whole school assembly sharing slides and pictures with us from when he was just a child through to now he is 19 and discussed all of his achievements to present. We then watched an episode of 'Dare Master' filmed last year at Wolsingham Show. Then Danny and the team came to work in Class 1 and preschool to introduce and teach us some basic sign language before completing some fun challenges. After lunch Danny and the team repeated the morning activities in Key Stage 2. What a fantastic day we had! Danny had his photo taken with all of the children and then left behind some big free standing pictures of himself, which he autographed.

Thank you for the incredible experience as they were not paid for any part of this visit and travelled in from Newcastle and Gateshead. We have certainly all learned a lot from the visit and that anything in life is possible.

Miss Lee





Message from Miss Lee to the FOCS

I would like to say a very big thank you to the FOCS for purchasing my new desk for Class 1. I absolutely love it! It is much smaller and far more compact with drawers and shelving included.

Thank you!

Miss Lee



We would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Paul and David Rabbitts who very kindly came into school on Wednesday and gave each child right from preschool through to year 6 (and also all members of staff!!) a book of their own to keep for FREE all about the history of Cotherstone, which they wrote themselves. Paul and David are selling their books and making no money themselves, instead every penny is going to Cancer Research Teesdale! If you would like to purchase a copy of their book you can buy direct from David Rabbitts via phoning 01833 650384. The children enjoyed speaking to both Paul and David and asking many questions about the book too. Thank you for your generosity.

Miss Lee



Awards

Class 1: Stars of the Week: Rupert and Scarlett for trying so hard with all their maths work. Presentation: Noah

Class 2: Star of the Week: Claudette for her winning weather vane design. Presentation: Holly

Class 3: Star of the Week: Fred for your incredible vocabulary in Literacy. Presentation: Emmy



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Sophia - for always saying thank you to Derrick when collecting her dinner

Isla LA - for always sitting patiently waiting to be called up to join the dinner queue

Benji - for always being so polite to lunchtime staff

Jon - for helping his friends during lunchtime play

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's individual folder.

Class 2: Literacy: Simile and metaphor practice. Maths Y3: Scales and mass work. Maths Y4: Decimal sequences. Spellings

Class 3: Y6- SATs buster pieces Y5- Spellings Literacy- Rainforest Non-Chronological report



Dates for your diary

1st May - Bank holiday - school closed

8th May - Bank holiday - school closed

9th - 12th May - Year 6 SATS

15th May - Reception and Year 2 children swimming

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Julie Gibson and the Cotherstone Team